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SUBJECT: HURRICANE JULIETTE

REFERENCE: (A) STATE 74354, (B) SUVA A-30 APRIL 12, 1973 (NOTAL)

1. INITIAL REPORT HURRICANE JULIETTE CONTAINED REF B.
2. FIJI GOVERNMENT HAS OFFERED SHIP SURPLUS HURRICANE BEBE SUPPLIES IF TONGA DETERMINES NEED. TONGA COMPLETING DAMAGE ASSESSMENT AND WILL ADVISE GOF ITS NEEDS.
3. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS GOT HAS ASKED BOTH AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENTS PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FORTY WORKERS OBTAIN SHORT- TERM EMPLOYMENT IN THOSE COUNTRIES TO EARN MONEY TO REBUILD DAMAGED VILLAGES.
4. WHO OFFICIAL PASSING THROUGH FIJI APRIL 22 FOLLOWING BRIEF STAY IN TONGA ADVISED EMBOFF HAAPIA ISLAND GROUP SUFFERED WIDESPREAD DAMAGE BANANA, COCONUT AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL CROPS. ALSO NUMEROUS BUILDINGS DAMAGED OR DESTROYED. APRIL 19 TONGA CHRONICLE DOCUMENTS DAMAGE WITH PHOTOGRAPHS BUT AS OF THAT DATE NO FINAL ESTIMATES DAMAGE OR UNCLASSIFIED

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NEEDS HAD BEEN MADE.

5. EMBASSY AWAITING FURTHER CONFIRMATION GOF OR GOT SOURCES
EXTENT OF DAMAGE AND NEED AS WELL AS DESIRE FOR ASSISTANCE
BEFORE MAKING ANY APPROACHES TO TONGA REGARDING POSSIBLE
US ASSISTANCE.

6. COMMENT: EMBOFF WHO VISITED HAAPAI GROUP TWO YEARS AGO
NOTES HAAPIA COLLECTION SEVERAL DOZEN ISLANDS LARGEST OF
WHICH SIX SQUARE MILES SCATTERED OVER SEVERAL THOUSAND SQUARE
MILE AREA. POPULATION OF APPROXIMATELY 14,000 SCL REGARD,
SINCERELY,
BILL
END TEXT.

2. THERE FOLLOWS FOR YOUR INFORMATION TEXT OF DOUGLAS-
HOME LETTER OF APRIL 19 IN RESPONSE TO SECRETARY' S
MESSAGE (REFTEL): BEGIN TEXT.
DEAR BILL,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 18 APRIL.

WE CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND YOUR PROBLEMS WITH CONGRESS
AND ARE ANXIOUS TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO HELP.

I HOPE THAT YOU DO NOT THINK THAT WE HAVE BEEN UNREA-
SONABLE ABOUT HUNGARY, BUT THE ISSUE SEEMS TO US OF REAL
IMPORTANCE. I THINK THAT THE OUTCOME OF THE DISCUSSIONS
IN VIENNA PRE- JUDGES THE HUNGARIAN ISSUE IN FAVOUR OF THE
WARSAW PACT (DESPITE THE SUBSEQUENT EXCHANGE OF UNILATERAL
STATEMENTS) AND THAT THE GROUND LOST WILL BE VERY
DIFFICULT TO RECOVER LATER ON. HUNGARIAN EXCLUSION FROM
ANY MBFR AGREEMENTS COULD HAVE CONSIDERABLE IMPACT ON THE
BALKANS, AND IN PARTICULAR YUGOSLAVIA. AS I HAVE MENTION-
ED TO YOU, I AM BECOMING INCREASINGLY WORRIED ABOUT THE
SITUATION THERE. THE PROSPECTS FOR THE LAST DAYS OF
TITO' S RULE AND AFTERWARDS SEEM MORE AND MORE UNCERTAIN.

AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND I FELT THAT OTHER POSSIBLE
WAYS OF DEALING WITH THE HUNGARIAN PROBLEM OUGHT TO BE
EXAMINED IN THE COUNCIL BEFORE A DECISION WAS TAKEN TO
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PROCEED ON THE PRESENT BASIS. THAT IS WHY I INSTRUCTED
OUR ACTING PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO SPEAK AS HE DID
AT YESTERDAY' S MEETING.

I THINK IT VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE SHOULD AS A
MINIMUM OBJECTIVE STICK TO THE DECISION TAKEN IN THE
COUNCIL ON 12 MARCH THAT THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES SHOULD
NOT BE FREE TO CIRCUMVENT MBFR AGREEMENTS, FOR INSTANCE
BY BUILDING UP SOVIET FORCES IN HUNGARY, AND THAT THE
QUESTION OF HUNGARY' S INCLUSION IN A CONSTRAINTS AREA
SHOULD BE KEPT OPEN. TO MY MIND THIS MEANS THAT THE
ALLIES MUST RAISE THIS ISSUE WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE

TO HUNGARY IN THE NEGOTIATIONS THEMSELVES. I HOPE I CAN
ASSUME THAT YOU TOO AGREE THAT THIS SHOULD BE DONE AND
THAT THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION WILL PLAY A FULL PART
IN PRESENTING THE ALLIED CASE WHEN THE TIME COMES.

IF THIS IS THE CASE I WOULD BE READY TO ACCEPT IN
THE INTERESTS OF ALLIANCE SOLIDARITY THE RECOMMENDATION
OF THE ALLIED NEGOTIATORS IN VIENNA. I WOULD DO SO WITH

SOME MISGIVING. BUT I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT AGREEMENT ON
THIS PAPER WILL LEAD TO A DECISION ON THE DATE AND PLACE
FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS. I WELL UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE
YOU ATTACH TO THESE POINTS.

IF YOU AGREE, I SHOULD LIKE TO EXPLAIN OUR POSITION
AS SET OUT ABOVE TO OUR OTHER ALLIES IN THE COUNCIL.

WITH WARMEST GOOD WISHES

YOURS EVER

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